



22 July 2015

Information circular*

To: Members of the staff
From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management
Subject: **Designation of duty stations for purposes of rest and recuperation**

1. In accordance with administrative instruction ST/AI/2011/7 and Amend 1 and 2, on rest and recuperation, and following inter-agency consultations, the Office of Human Resources Management approves the Secretariat duty stations that qualify for rest and recuperation, the frequencies thereof and the designation of rest and recuperation destinations. The annex to the present circular contains the list of duty stations approved for rest and recuperation purposes effective as from 1 July 2015.

2. In duty stations where the rest and recuperation frequency has been reduced, the new cycle takes effect immediately. In duty stations where the frequency of rest and recuperation has been prolonged (from 4 to 6 weeks, from 6 to 8 weeks or from 8 to 12 weeks) or where it has been discontinued, staff members or eligible individuals who have already started accruing qualifying service prior to 1 July 2015 may avail themselves of rest and recuperation after completing the period of qualifying service previously in effect. Upon the return of the staff member or other eligible individuals to the duty station, the new frequency shall apply.

3. Should security or severe hardship conditions improve or deteriorate at specific duty stations during the course of the year, the duration of the period of qualifying service (frequency) may be adjusted by the Office of Human Resources Management following inter-agency consultations. Similarly, significant changes in a duty station environment may result in the approval or discontinuation of rest and recuperation.

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 31 December 2015.



Annex**Consolidated list of duty stations^a approved by the Office of Human Resources Management for rest and recuperation purposes (effective as from 1 July 2015)**

<i>Duty station</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Rest and recuperation destination</i>
Afghanistan		
Entire country	6 weeks	Dubai
Algeria		
Tindouf	8 weeks	Las Palmas
Burkina Faso		
Dori	12 weeks	Ouagadougou
Burundi		
Bujumbura, Gitega, Makamba, Ngozi	8 weeks	Nairobi
Central African Republic		
Entire country	6 weeks	Yaoundé
Chad		
Abéché, Farchana, Goré, Goz Beida, Mao, N'Djamena, Sarh	8 weeks	Addis Ababa
Colombia		
Quibdo	12 weeks	Bogota
Côte d'Ivoire		
Entire country except Abidjan and Yamoussoukro	8 weeks	Accra
Democratic Republic of the Congo		
Aru, Beni, Bukavu, Bunia, Butembo, Dungu, Goma, Kalemie, Mahagi, Uvira	6 weeks	Entebbe
Bili, Bandundu, Gemena, Kamina, Kananga, Kindu, Kisangani, Matadi, Mbandaka, Mbuji-Mayi	8 weeks	Entebbe
Lubumbashi	12 weeks	Entebbe

^a Reflects duty stations with a presence of Secretariat staff members. Specialized agencies, funds and programmes issue organization-specific lists.

<i>Duty station</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Rest and recuperation destination</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		
Pyongyang	8 weeks	Beijing
Ethiopia		
Kebridehar	6 weeks	Addis Ababa
Jijiga	8 weeks	Addis Ababa
Gaza		
Gaza	8 weeks	Amman
Guinea		
Entire country	6 weeks	Accra
Haiti		
Entire country	8 weeks	Santo Domingo
Indonesia		
Jayapura	12 weeks	Jakarta
Iraq		
Baghdad, Basra, Kirkuk, Dohuk	4 weeks	Amman
Erbil, Sulaymaniyah	8 weeks	Amman
Kenya		
Dadaab, Wajir, Liboi	6 weeks	Nairobi
Kakuma	8 weeks	Nairobi
Kyrgyzstan		
Osh	8 weeks	Istanbul
Liberia		
Entire country	8 weeks	Accra
Libya		
Entire country	6 weeks	Malta
Mali		
Gao, Kidal, Tessalit	4 weeks	Dakar
Tombouctou, Mopti	6 weeks	Dakar
Bamako, Kayes	8 weeks	Dakar

<i>Duty station</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Rest and recuperation destination</i>
Myanmar		
Sittwe	8 weeks	Yangon
Myitkyina (Kachin State)	12 weeks	Yangon
Nepal		
Bharatpur, Bidur, Charikot, Dhunche, Manthali	12 weeks	Kathmandu
Niger		
Diffa	6 weeks	Niamey
Maradi, Tahoua, Zinder	12 weeks	Niamey
Nigeria		
Bauchi, Kaduna	8 weeks	Accra
Pakistan		
Peshawar, Quetta	6 weeks	Dubai
Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore	8 weeks	Dubai
Papua New Guinea		
Port Moresby	12 weeks	Brisbane
Philippines		
Cateel, Cotabato City, Guiuan, Roxas, Tacloban	8 weeks	Manila
Sierra Leone		
Entire country	6 weeks	Accra
Somalia		
Baidoa, Beledweyne, Boosaaso, Dolow, Gaalkacyo, Garoowe, Kismaayo, Mogadishu	4 weeks	Nairobi
Hargeysa	6 weeks	Nairobi
South Sudan		
Aweil, Bentiu, Bor, Gok Machar, Juba, Kwacjok, Malakal, Melut, Nasser, Pibor, Renk, Rumbek, Turalei, Yirol	6 weeks	Entebbe
Kapoeta, Torit, Wau, Yambio	8 weeks	Entebbe
Sri Lanka		
Kilinochchi	12 weeks	Colombo

<i>Duty station</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Rest and recuperation destination</i>
Sudan		
Abyei, Buram (S. Darfur), El Da'ein (Darfur), El Fasher (Darfur), El Geneina (Darfur), Forobaranga (W. Darfur), Gereida (S. Darfur), Habila (W. Darfur), Kabkabiya (Darfur), Kadugli, Kass (Darfur), Khor Abeche (S. Darfur), Khor Omer, Kutum (Darfur), Labado (S. Darfur), Malha (N. Darfur), Mallit (N. Darfur), Masteri (W. Darfur), Mornie (W. Darfur), Muglad (Southern Kordofan), Muhajiriya (W. Darfur), Mukjar (Darfur), Nertiti (W. Darfur), Nyala (Darfur), Saraf Omra/Umra (N. Darfur), Shangil Tobaya (N. Darfur), Sheiria (S. Darfur), Tawil (Tawilah) (N. Darfur), Tine (W. Darfur), Um Baro (W. Darfur), Um Kaddada (N. Darfur), Zalingei (Darfur), Zam Zam (N. Darfur)	6 weeks	Entebbe
Ed Damazin	8 weeks	Entebbe
Syrian Arab Republic		
Entire country (excluding the Alpha side of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force area of operations)	4 weeks	Amman
Turkey		
Antakya	8 weeks	Ankara
Uganda		
Moroto	8 weeks	Kampala
Kitgum	12 weeks	Kampala
Ukraine		
Donetsk, Kramatorsk, Luhansk, Mariupol, Severodonetsk, Sloviansk	8 weeks	Kiev
West Bank		
Ramallah	8 weeks	Amman
Yemen		
Sana'a	4 weeks	Larnaca
Aden, Haradh, Sa'ada	6 weeks	Larnaca



24 August 2015

Information circular*

To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **Change in practice regarding the cancellation of valid United States visas in the "G" category upon completion of assignment in the United States of America**

1. The purpose of the present circular is to inform staff members of a diplomatic note received from the United States Mission to the United Nations on a change in practice regarding the cancellation of valid United States visas in the "G" category upon completion of assignment in the United States of America (see annex).
2. The practice of the United States Mission of collecting passports of staff members and/or dependants and household employees for visa cancellation upon completion of assignment in the United States has been discontinued.
3. Staff members, their dependants and household employees with "G" visas valid for periods extending beyond the staff member's assignment with the United Nations are not eligible to remain in the United States and must leave the country or seek a change and/or adjustment of status within 30 days of their separation date.
4. Separating staff members and/or dependants and household employees with "G" visas must abide by the terms and conditions of their admission and comply with the departure procedures. Unauthorized use of a valid United States visa issued for an assignment with the United Nations is a violation of United States law.

* The present circular will be in effect until further notice.



Annex

Diplomatic note dated 16 July 2015 from the United States Mission to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to a change in practice regarding the cancellation of valid United States visas in the "G" category upon completion of assignment in the United States.

Previously, the United States Mission had requested that passports of staff and/or dependants should be provided upon completion of assignment for visa cancellation. At this time, passports containing valid United States "G" visas issued to staff and their dependants, including domestic workers, should not be submitted for visa cancellation to the Mission. Although most "G" visas are issued with extended periods of validity, employees, dependants and domestic workers who hold such visas are not eligible to remain in the United States on those visas upon completion of their assignment with the United Nations and must depart from the United States or seek a change and/or adjustment of status within 30 days of their separation date.

The United States Mission recalls that separated employees, their dependants and domestic workers are expected to abide by the terms and conditions of their admission and to comply with the departure procedures. Unauthorized use of a valid United States visa issued for an assignment with the United Nations is a violation of United States law. "G" visas should not be used to enter the United States for purposes unrelated to activities associated with a designated international organization. In such cases, violators may be subject to removal.



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To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **Working hours during the seventieth session of the General Assembly for staff members at United Nations Headquarters**

1. In accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, as amended by Assembly resolution 57/301, the seventieth session of the Assembly will open on Tuesday, 15 September 2015. Accordingly, from 15 September 2015 until the last day of the main part of the regular session of the Assembly, normal working hours will be eight and a half hours per day for staff members based in New York.

2. In accordance with Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2003/4, heads of departments or offices may authorize flexible working arrangements, subject to exigencies of service. Essential services must be maintained at all times to best meet the requirements of the General Assembly.

3. From the day following the last day of the main part of the seventieth session of the General Assembly until further notice, normal working hours will again be eight hours per day.

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